

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a customer of DIRECTV, I am writing to urge you to support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will increase video and broadband choices for consumers like me.

The combined company will be a much stronger competitor to cable operators by being able to offer me a substantial number of local TV channels via satellite in my market area.

I currently have broadband access to the Internet, but the combination of EchoStar and HUGHES will result in increased competition in the broadband market by providing an affordable high-speed Internet service nationwide via satellite. I do have local channels from directv but they are not local to me i live in South jersey any i have to get ny local channels and i only live 60 miles from PA and 120 Miles from NY that stinks and cable can give you channels from PA as local any you wont let people like me get stations from pa that is more local me than NY. And we have comcast cable here that offers hi hi speed cable but i cant get hi speed access from directv it would be much better for me and many others. I have had many problems with cable and would never go back to them.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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